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RESPONSE TO THE NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)

Dear Sir:

In response to the Notification Of Missing Requirements Under 35 U.S.C. 371 In The United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) (copy enclosed) mailed April 16, 2007, Applicants submit the enclosed Declarations executed by them on September 29, 2006, and September 12, 2006. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge to Deposit Account No. 02-2865, the \$130.00 fee required under 37 CFR 1.492(h).

The Commissioner is requested to grant any necessary extension of time and is authorized to charge any additional fee, if required, to our Deposit Account No. 02-2865. This request is submitted **in triplicate.**

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The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as a Designated / Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495).

- Copy of the International Application filed on 07/31/2006
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- Preliminary Amendments filed on 07/31/2006
- Information Disclosure Statements filed on 07/31/2006
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- Specification filed on 07/31/2006
- Claims filed on 07/31/2006
- Abstracts filed on 07/31/2006
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The applicant needs to satisfy supplemental fees problems indicated below.

The following items MUST be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date.
- To avoid abandonment, a surcharge (for late submission of filing fee, search fee, examination fee or oath or declaration) as set forth in 37 CFR 1.492(h) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.

SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

Total additional fees required for this application is \$130 for a Large Entity:

• \$130 Surcharge.

ALL OF THE ITEMS SET FORTH ABOVE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN TWO (2) MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR BY 32 MONTHS FROM THE PRIORITY DATE FOR THE APPLICATION, WHICHEVER IS LATER. FAILURE TO PROPERLY RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT.

The time period set above may be extended by filing a petition and fee for extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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